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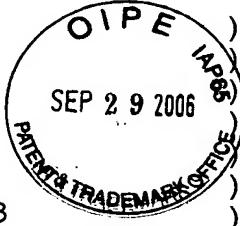
In re Patent Application of

Patrick N. Matthews et al.

Application No.: 10/740,265

Filing Date: December 17, 2003

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
PREVENTING CLATHRATE
HYDRATE BLOCKAGE FORMATION
IN FLOW LINES BY ENHANCING
WATER CUT



Group Art Unit: 1764

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the 395 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
 - B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - Other: _____
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
 - Amendment/Reply.
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - Information Disclosure Statement.
 - A Petition for Extension of Time.

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- Other:
3. Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

FEES				
Examination Fee (1801)				\$ 790
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate
Total Claims	26	Minus 26=	0	x 50 (1202) \$ 0
Independent Claims	5	Minus 5=	0	x 200 (1201) \$ 400
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$ 360				\$ 0
Total Fee				\$ 790
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TOTAL FEE DUE				\$ 790

4. Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
5. A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
6. Charge 790.00 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
7. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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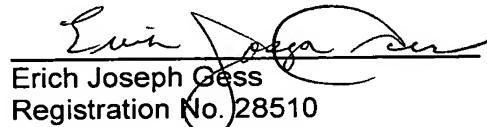
8. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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